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THE A&T REGISTER

"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

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SGA Press Conference Views Financial Woes

By Debbie Harris

The Student Government Association held a press conference to present the students' views of the present financial troubles that A&T is experiencing. The release was made in the Memorial Room of the Student Union, Thursday, May 1.

The release didn't express what was expected; the closest

it got to the heart of the problem was to state that,

"We agree that there were some unfortunate mistakes in the financial transactions involving our university; however, these mistakes are not insurmountable."

The SGA was trying to express the feeling that the University is still the main concern of the student body and that the students are backing the school as an educational facility. Kelvin Buncum, SGA president, said, "We stand behind every facet

of the University. But we will not stand behind the increase in student fees to any extent."

No administrators were in attendance because the conference was the work of the students.

Kelvin said, "The problem was attributed to managerial errors, not so much in the personnel. The problem could

have been avoided. If top leadership were appropriate, we wouldn't have the problem.

"The University System should not be involved in the problem and it would be

unfair if they tried to take control of A&T; the cause is unjustifiable."

Buncum was asked, if he were in Dr. Dowdy's position, what he would do? He said, "I'd handle the problem by providing the additional help needed or just get rid of the personnel."

Dowdy Speaks On Problems

By Michael Fairley

"We do have some problems in the financial affairs area. I will not attempt to specify each of these problems for I do not think it would be of any avail," said Chancellor Lewis C. Dowdy.

A recent State audit report showed that the University's records were in a state of disarray. Dowdy said that action was being taken to change the status of the records.

"Our records were not up to date in an auditable fashion. This was brought to my attention by the state auditors."

"I did not want to see any further deterioration (in the fiscal affairs area) so I made a change in the leadership."

This change in leadership consisted of replacing current Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, Plummer Alston, Jr. Alston was succeeded by Henry Johnson, former special assistant to the chancellor.

Since this change in administration, Dowdy said

that many improvements have been noted.

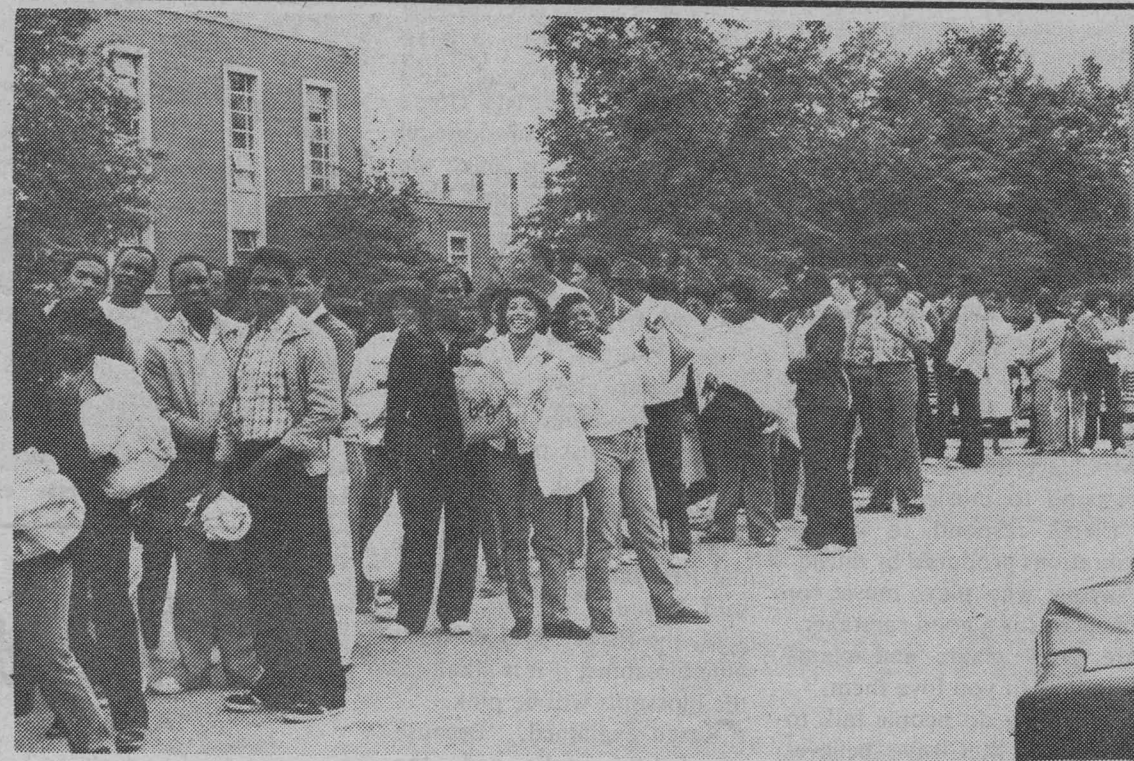
"The acting vice chancellor is turning things around. They (fiscal affairs office) have started making the necessary transfers, which had not been done before. They are posting the ledgers, bringing the ledgers up to date, and reconciling bank statements."

"We have requested funds to bring in temporary help to get our records up to date by June 30. After which, we intend to keep them straight."

Johnson said that the University has a computer system to help with this problem. But he said that "before the old system of bookkeeping could be switched to computer, it first had to function manually."

Dowdy said that he was aware of problem in fiscal affairs, but that he "did not have full knowledge of the situation."

Johnson said that internal problems also affected the quality of work produced by



A long line outside the laundry as Aggies come to claim their refunds.

(Photo by Tyson)

After 35 Years

Bradley Retires From A&T

By Thomas E. Harris

Dr. Pearl G. Bradley, professor of speech, will retire from the A&T faculty after rendering thirty-five years of dedicated service.

A woman who professes

sincere love for teaching, Dr. Bradley expresses particular gratitude and love for her undergraduate alma mater, A&T. "It was an honor for me to have been asked to work at A&T. I have enjoyed it immensely. A&T means a lot to me and my family. You see, my husband, my daughter and I are all Aggies," she stated.

After completing requirements for her degree here, Dr. Bradley earned her masters at the University of Michigan and then her Ph.D. from Ohio State. She has written many articles for speech journals and is associated with various professional organizations including: North Carolina Association of Educators, North Carolina Speech and Drama Association, and the Speech Communication Association.

After retirement, Dr. Bradley has no definite plans. "I'll just let things happen. I will continue making goals and realizing goals," she stated. Her favorite speech subject is "all of them." However, she does show a slight favoritism towards voice and diction. In fact, a manual on voice and diction for adoption for speech may be expected from her.

Having served as chairperson of the Speech and Theater Arts Department, Dr. Bradley's other university memberships include Teacher Education Council, Honors

Committee of School of Arts and Sciences, supervisor of student teachers, Teacher Education Self Study Committee, Founders Day Parent Committee and Committee on Academic Tenure and Promotion.

In addition to instructing both English and speech, Dr. Bradley has served as director of the Richard B. Harrison Players and coach of the Kappa Phi Kappa Forensic Society.

Devoting most of her time to education, she has time for social functions and organizations throughout the community. Dr. Bradley is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is an active member of the United Institutional Baptist Church and is a popular speaker for Greensboro and surrounding areas.



Dr. Pearl G. Bradley

Reid Greenhouse Shows The Arrival Of Spring

By Deborah M. Sanders

Signs of spring are blooming all over the campus. But there is one place where flowers bloom all year. It's the J. F. Reid Greenhouse.

"In the greenhouse, proper conditions are maintained for each plant so they may grow in their actual environment," said Mansel P. McCleave, instructor of plant science.

"The primary purpose of the greenhouse is instructional research," McCleave said. "We can make any plant bloom the day we want it to." McCleave believes that plants respond to music. He said, "Plants respond to certain vibrations produced by music. Anyone who plays music for his plants is a good caretaker. He loves plants and plants know when you love them."

Not only do people talk to plants, but McCleave believes

that plants talk back to people. "It is a two-way communication," he said.

Some students are engaged in experiments with Chrysanthemums and hydrangeas. In these experiments they are to use all their knowledge to make the plants bloom the day they want them to.

Karen White, a junior plant science major, is conducting an experiment for her commercial flower production class using 200 hydrangeas. One hundred of the plants must produce blue blossoms and 100 must produce light pink blossoms.

This is done by controlling the PH balance of the soil, said White. If the soil is acid, the flowers will produce blue blossoms; if it is alkaline, the blossoms will be pink.

Karen explained, "Because of slightly acidic soil, the blossoms were deep pink instead of light pink."

Cheryl Via, a junior horticulture major, is conducting an experiment with approximately 80 chrysanthemums. "These plants are supposed to bloom between April 22 and May 6," said Via.

"The only problems I have encountered with the plants are that snails were eating them, and I also had to spray them for spider mites," he said.

Carey Ford, a senior majoring in agricultural education, is conducting a project in which he is designing a flower bed in front of the greenhouse. The bed is approximately four square feet, accented with geraniums and ageratum.

Ford said, "The flower bed will add beauty to the campus and also make the campus more pleasing to the public."

Ford also said that a plant club should be formed to plant flowers to help beautify the campus.

Picnic Held

To Bring

Family Unity

By Tony Moore

In an effort to bring them together as a family, the School of Agriculture, on Saturday, April 26, held its annual picnic at the Experimental Recreation Site.

The picnic was funded through a \$25 donation from each department in the School of Agriculture and \$5.50 from any university faculty member who wished to attend.

Faculty members were allowed to bring two guests. Students in the School of Agriculture and their guests attended free.

In charge of planning the picnic were James Moore, Ernest Manning, Leonard McCraw and Chester Neal, all agricultural education majors.

Vocational agriculture and home economics teachers and students of junior and senior high school from across North Carolina were invited to attend. The purpose was to allow prospective students to socialize with the "family" and familiarize themselves with A&T and the School of Agriculture and its facilities.

The following served as picnic cooks: Ethbert Carr, assistant professor of plant science; Leon C. Boyd, adjunct faculty member in the Department of Animal Science; and Ruth Grandy, Pat Bowden, Mablelene Smith, and Dianne Williams, all of whom are secretaries in the School of Agriculture.



An unfortunate Aggiette experiences a traffic mishap.

(Photo by Tyson)

A&T Needs Voter Response

By Debbie Harris

The most effective means of getting people in office to help A&T remain a Black university and receive the money it needs is to vote, according to the Greensboro Citizens Association's letter sent to all registered voters. The May 6th primary election is just around the corner.

Last month the Pan-Hellenic Council, in conjunction with the Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP, registered students to vote. And they were told that, if the registration form was filled out incorrectly, they would not be able to vote. They were also informed that they would be notified which candidates on the ballot to cast their votes for.

In the mail this week letters were sent from the Greensboro Citizens Association to inform voters whom to vote for and to vote Yes for the special referendum. The referendum could provide for fair and equal representation from

each section of Greensboro on the City Council.

Some familiar names on the ballot to look for are Barbara Washington and William Hunter for judge, Henry Frye for the State Senate, William Martin and Elynor Williams for the House of Representatives.

It has been requested that the voters take their letters to the polls to be sure to vote correctly.

The precinct for A&T on-campus students will be in Cooper Hall. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6.

W.T. Gibbs Hall To Open During Summer Session

By Ella McMillan

Are you ready to welcome the new addition to North Carolina A&T's campus? If so, the Warmoth T. Gibbs Building is the new attraction. The summer school session will be the first to use the facility. The building will open May 19, 1980.

According to Gerard Gray, physical plant-director, classes in psychology, sociology, history and political science will occupy this facility. In the

building there will be conference rooms, laboratories, teachers' offices and the office of the dean of the Graduate School.

"The university feels that this facility will serve a useful service in providing education for students of A&T and will facilitate the instructional processes of the administration and faculty of the department involved," said Gray.

Corps Increases Opportunities

The Peace Corps has announced increased opportunities for Americans with backgrounds in math, biology or French and who wish to use their skills in the developing world.

Peace Corps Director Richard F. Celeste said, "An unexpected increase in demand for teachers by Third World countries has resulted in a need for volunteers to begin training in June instead of later in the year."

Biologists are needed to teach science in Ghana and Belize and to serve in fisheries programs in Niger, Jamaica and the Philippines, Celeste added, while math teachers are needed in Ghana, Togo, Cameroon, Liberia, Tonga, The Gambia and Botswana.

College graduates who have taken French at either the college or high school level are needed to teach English or serve in agriculture, health and construction programs in a

number of French-speaking African countries.

College graduates with a major or minor in the needed subject areas should have their applications submitted no later than May 5 in order to begin training in June.

After training, Peace Corps volunteers serve two years assisting people in Third World countries to improve the quality of life and develop self sufficiency in basic human needs. Peace Corps volunteers

bring to their work a special kind of commitment. They must be able to adapt to a new environment, must be flexible and must be able to organize their work independently in the communities they serve. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old. There is no upper age limit.

An applicant must be medically qualified and, if married, serve with his or her (See Peace, Page 3)

Journal Entry

By Tony Moore

Look for these "New Faces" in the 1980's--well they aren't exactly "new," because they have all been seen before only no one knew who they were.

The world renowned *Supremes* are no longer. Its last original member (its backbone) entered the "solo world." Mary Wilson is pursuing her second career after having completed the first (with the Supremes). Wilson debuted as a solo artist at New York, New York Disco in New York City to no one's disappointment. She now travels with her husband manager, Pedro Ferrer, and three energetic children. Wilson incidentally owns half of the Supremes' name, and is working very hard to build her own.

Bruni Pagan says that "when I was born, and the doctor slapped me on the behind, instead of crying, I sang the blues." She adds that "I was always a freak for Billie Holiday, Carmen McRae and Ella Fitzgerald."

Pagan is an experienced singer for all seasons. Latin, jazz, blues or pop music--she can do it all. She sang background vocals on Herbie Mann's *Superman* album.

Pagan has had her first album released on Electra records titled *Just Bruni*.

She says that, "with the release of the album, I can begin to reach all the people with my message of music."

At 17, Cory Daye began singing with a few friends who later became Dr. Buzzards Original Savannah Band. She helped create the group's unique style. It was her "sassy" vocals which stood out amid what Dr. Buzzard called its "jungle rhythms" and its retro-orchestral arrangements.

Daye is on her own with her first solo album having already been released. It's titled *Cory And Me* and is sure to be the start of a brand new Daye.

What Giorgio Moroder did for Donna Summer (career wise) can surely be done for anyone else if the anyone else is Suzi Lane.

A native of Las Vegas, Nevada, Lane has an extensive background in show business. Her mother was a singer and her father was a saxophone player.

When she was 15, she formed the "Four MacFees" with her three sisters. Out of high school, she began dancing, getting bookings in Los Angeles, Miami and Australia.

During this same time, when it was discovered that she could sing, Sly Stone discovered her and she wound up touring with him for two years as a vocalist.

Last year she auditioned for producer Giorgio Moroder. Halfway through her first song, he had made his decision; and, within three hours, she was on her way to Europe to be introduced at the Cannes Festival.

Two weeks later, she was back in L.A. working on her debut album *OOH LA LA* for Electra/Asylum records.

Of the songs on the album she says that "they say a lot more than most disco numbers and I've tried to bring that out."

Graduating: reachin' that peak!



Remember the way it was.....A&T is on the move - providing better parking.

Beta Gamma Sigma

Honor Chapter Begins At A&T

By Tony Moore

Having met the accreditation standards of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the A&T chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society was founded on the campus April 16, 1980.

Beta Gamma Sigma honors business and economics students who have excelled academically. Student eligibility is limited to the top 10 percent of the senior class and the top 5 percent of the junior class.

Chapter establishment is also limited to accredited schools of business. A&T is

one of only five accredited schools in the area. The others are Duke, East Carolina, Appalachian State, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

A&T is the only predominantly Black university in this area that holds membership in Beta Gamma Sigma and is one of only three predominantly Black universities in the entire society.

Thirty-two A&T business and economics students were inducted into the chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma in an induction ceremony held at the Hilton Inn on April 16.

Seven faculty members were

also inducted into the honor society. They were as follows: Dr. Alice Kidder, professor of economics; Dr. Basil Coley, professor of economics; Dr. Michael Simmons, assistant professor of economics; Dr. Meada Gibbs, chairperson of the Department of Business Education and Administrative Services; Dr. Sylvia Bembry, assistant professor of business education and administrative services; Dr. Willie Bailey, chairperson for the Department of Business Administration; and Dr. Quiesster Craig, dean of the School of Business and

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Peace Corps Increases Job Needs

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spouse.

Transportation is provided to training sites and to and from the overseas assignment as well as for home leave in the event of a family emergency. While in training and during service, the volunteer receives a monthly allowance for rent, food, travel and is provided all medical care. A readjustment allowance of \$125 a month is set aside, payable on completion of service.

The Peace Corps is an independent agency within Action, the federal agency for volunteer service.

For more information, write Peace Corps/Action, Washington, D.C., 20525, or contact the nearest Peace Corps regional or area office. Information may also be obtained by calling toll-free: 800-424-8580. In Alaska and Hawaii call toll-free 800-424-9704.

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The Register: First Class

By Richard B. Steele

Perhaps many of you wonder why **The A&T Register** seemingly prints only certain articles of interest in each edition. This is not the case. **The Register** staff (also full-time students) can only do as much as can be expected from anyone. We cover as much news as possible and try to keep you informed with the most important news as it relates to you. You are the news...if you (the student, faculty, administrator) will not co-operate, how else may we serve you?

Many times your stories do not make the news for a variety of reasons. Poor writing, is a classic example. Any college level student should be able to write. One does not need to attend a class to learn the basics of writing. A "news story" must be informative and contain the basics: who, what, when, where, how and,

why. Many times we receive information that is inaccurate or poorly constructed. In many cases, we correct and seek to see if a name has been spelled correctly or if someone has been misquoted. This task is called editing, basically making sure that everything follows the standard rules of good English.

Needless to say, we are criticized for sometimes changing things around. We are not 100 percent perfect, but we try to be. If we make mistakes, we will make the necessary corrections; provided we are at fault.

We are the written medium by which your thoughts, moods, activities and accomplishments are transmitted to your fellow students, parents, community and other universities.

This newspaper is recognized as a "first class" publication - that should tell each of you something about yourself, and your university.

This is the last publication this semester, but we all look forward to a progressive and informative year in 1980-81.

Leading editorials are written by the editor of **The A&T Register**. Such editorials will not necessarily carry a byline and will not necessarily reflect the opinion of the University or the entire staff. Staff members are free to write dissenting opinions.

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Inflation



Inflation 'Stamps'

By Trudy Johnson

Thanks to inflation, William Bolger, postmaster general, has announced an overall proposed average of a 28 percent increase in post rates.

With this price hike, the cost of the first-class stamp, 15 cents now, will cost 5 cents extra. The 20 cent first-class stamp is on its way.

The postal increase will take effect around February, 1981, according to the Postmaster General.

Before the price increase, the proposal has to be approved by an independent agency-the Postal Rate

Commission.

According to Bolger's plan, the second-class postage rate has increased more than 400 percent since 1970. With

the (1981) increase, the hike will be 1.9 percent.

In 1952, a first-class stamp cost 3 cents, calculating a 567 percent

increase, according to the Data Resources, Incorporated.

With the price increase, be prepared for the certified, registered, special-delivery and other postal rates showing an inflation hike.

The One-Eyed Media

By Michael Fairley

As the dust of A&T's apparent financial woes slowly begins to settle into obscurity, this expose has no doubt raised many questions in the minds of many concerned and unconcerned individuals.

The vast majority of the A&T community is probably ready to stone the chancellor for allowing this situation to develop. Others may desire to run the past vice chancellor for fiscal affairs out of town.

But some issues should be considered before rash action is taken.

Anyone with a background knowledge of the fiscal affairs situation is aware that its problems did not develop overnight. Therefore the past vice chancellor should not be considered as the sole orchestrator of this fiasco.

With regard to the bad press A&T is so graciously receiving from the local media, keep in mind that the Greensboro media are very one-

eyed in their view of A&T.

Whenever A&T makes a positive contribution to this community, her efforts are buried on the obituary

page. Only her flaws are considered "front-page news."

The media have short memories, and we are susceptible to this ailment.

It would more than satisfy the power structure if it could divide A&T. Surely A&T has problems. But who is going to save A&T but A&T?

It is time for A&T to come to the realization that her problems are stifling her progress.

It is time for the A&T family to rally around her wounded colleague and give him support.

And, if those persons in positions of authority can not handle the responsibilities entrusted to them, they should be swiftly replaced.

Look'n For That Good Stuff

A&T Holds Vital Role In American Education Process

Editor of The Register:

"North Carolina A&T State University has long played a very integral role in the educational process of both North Carolina and the United States of America. We have been very successful at producing strong and capable leaders, some who have gone on to national and international prominence. Essentially we have done our share in shaping, molding and preparing young men and women to go out and meet the challenges of the time.

"Like other institutions A&T State University has its finer points and its weaker points, one of which is the current financial status of our university. We agree that there were some unfortunate mistakes in the financial transactions involving our university; however, these mistakes are not insurmountable.

"The student body of North Carolina A&T State University feels that it is now incumbent upon alumni, administrators, faculty, friends and ourselves to once again restore vigor, enthusiasm, morality,

confidence and credibility in the professionalism that we have previously demonstrated. Although it seems as if we are now adrift in a ship with no direction, together with this coalition, we, the Black community, can once again put A&T back on course and establish an even greater sense of pride and direction. We are not at all ashamed of or make no apologies for what has transpired over the years, for we feel that all mankind is subject to human frailties.

"We still stand strong on the continued existence of A&T State University and other historically and predominantly Black institutions. We still stand strong on the Ph.D. program, the enhancement and the further development of our institutions. We will not allow our financial misfortunes to spill over into the excellent academic achievements of our students, faculty, administration and alumni, for we are a great University, a proud University, the University, A&T State University."

The Student Government Association



The A&T Register's sign is now visible for everyone to know where we are and to check us out!

(Photo by Tyson)

Fiscal Problems Improving

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improve their areas of weakness."

Dowdy and Johnson both agreed that fiscal affairs lacks good accountants.

"We don't have high enough salaries to attract highly competent accountants," said Dowdy.

"We have accounting graduates, but they lack experience," said Johnson.

"Graduating from a school in accounting does not make you an accountant; you need experience."

Both Johnson and Dowdy said that despite what has been carried over the local media, the school is in the midst of a financial "turnaround."

Johnson also said that students are not in jeopardy of losing federal aid.

"This (student aid) was the first order of business on April 21. We are meeting our federal requirements which consist of reporting to the government the number of students

receiving aid and the amount which they are receiving."

Dowdy also said that he does not feel that this financial problem will give the UNC administration probable cause to merge A&T with UNC-G.

"This (fiscal affairs) is only one area of A&T. We have many excellent programs. I don't think this one area will overshadow the achievements we have made."

"I am indeed concerned about this situation. I am confident that we will solve these problems and will regain respectability in the financial affairs area."

"I'm asking for patience, understanding, and support from the University community."

'Not A Product Of Negligence'

Editor of The Register:

Our reasons for writing this letter has several dimensions, one of them being directed to the administration and staff of this university. Let it be known that the yearbook is a publication funded purely by student activity fees - which is a small fraction of tuition costs paid only by full-time equivalent students. This fact alone should be enough to explain why all others can not receive books. But our first concern is with our administration who were fortunate enough to receive or at least had access to a yearbook and found it necessary to call our office and/or advisor with petty complaints.

Let's be realistic; staff members are full-time students, not journalists, reporters and photographers involving humans; mistakes are apt to occur and being students the likelihood is increased.

This is not an attempt to make excuses for your complaints because they are not required. The administration and school section came as a result of numerous announcements in

this paper, several letters to department heads and a massive telephone campaign. For reasons, our photographers took a lot of harassment and hassle from some people "unprepared" or "unwilling" to take yearbook pictures for one reason or another. For reasons which I'm forced to question now, this staff found it necessary to include you in this publication - probably because that's the way it has always been done.

So out of the kindness of our hearts - and as student organizations - if for whatever reason your organization either was not included or misrepresented in this yearbook, please bring it the attention of the staff in writing. We must emphasize a written notification for two reasons: (1) since this is a transition period of the Ayantee Executive Board and you may not get the response that you are expecting at this time and (2) since monetary refunds cannot be made, your chances of being compensated for all increase immensely if there is a copy of your letter of notification on file. Your cooperation in this matter will be a great factor in making the

1981 edition even more successful than this year's.

In response to the article in **The A&T Register** entitled "Ayantee Creates New Major." First my apology goes to the person who was the victim of a "printer's error" - which a "biweekly" edition such as **The A&T Register** obviously knows nothing about. This mistake was by no

means a preplanned prank and should not be looked upon as a "product of sheer negligence" as it was referred to by the reporter. If you would carefully thumb through the files of past edition's of **The A&T Register** and count the numerous mistakes made during this year - I can assure you that you will find many more mistakes than were incorporated into this 1980 yearbook. So please, on the next time the need arises for you to express your one-sided views about others, remember to check-out yourself first. You too, are representing a prestigious publication on this campus.

Marcia E. Purvis
and

Lewis F. Ramseur
Editors of the Yearbook

Society Elects Officers For Incoming Year

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Economics.

The Society recently held its first elections. The officers of Beta Gamma Sigma for 1980-81 are the following: Edward Harding of Gwensboro, president; Wildra Ray of Jackson Springs, vice

president; Dr. Michael Simmons of Greensboro, secretary; Dr. Robert Howard of Greensboro, treasurer; Gwendolyn Green of Henderson, historian; and Johnny Lancaster of Scotland Neck, sergeant at arms.

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OOPS!

In the April 29 edition of history. Seventy dollars were donated by Dr. McLaughlin's these corrections in the article, Philosophy 261 class not by Arthur Found's King-Kennedy Center."

Dr. Wayman McLaughlin is professor of philosophy, not

the university. Also, \$5.50 was donated by an art class at UNC-G.

Murphy Recounts Events, Highlights SCAC Banquet

By Michael Murphy

The second annual Student Cluster Activities Council awards banquet was held Wednesday, April 30, in the Cosmos I at 6 p.m. Michael Murphy, president of the SCAC recounted the highlights of the events sponsored by the SCAC since its inception two years ago. The purpose of the program is to involve more students in the A&T Industry Cluster campus activities, maximize the support of the A&T/industry cluster for A&T students and to increase the awareness of the support rendered to A&T State University.

Murphy's presentation was centered around the functions of a prism.

"A prism is a device that takes rays of light yet doesn't destroy them but allows for a slight deviation to produce a positive image in another direction. With rays of support from industry and the rays of concern from faculty and administrators going into a prism, which is where A&T students come in, what is dispersed is a positive ray of hope for students, faculty and administrators working together toward a common cause. That's what the SCAC is all about," said Murphy.

The SCAC Award of

Excellence was presented to Donn Booker; the award of honor, Janaka Edirisinghe; and the award of achievement to D'Michele Berryman.

Vernon Sims of Control Data Corporation in Minneapolis, Minnesota, presented academic achievement awards to top advanced sophomore and junior engineer majors; Warren Fenwick, first place; Carl Thurston, second; and Stanley Coleman, third. These students will also receive summer internships with the corporation.

Dr. Stuart Ahrens presented the Space Shuttle Contest awards of \$50, \$40, and \$30 to Gary Branch, first place; Michael Toney and Michael Murphy, second and third place respectively.

Other awards were for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average; the students are Charles Burch and Derek Norford. Service awards went to Sharon Richards and Leon Warren of the career planning and placement center.

Officers for the 1980-81 year are William Love, president; Gwen Jones, vice president; Charles Burch, treasurer; Herman Walker, corresponding secretary, and Norbert Hopkins, parliamentarian.

The 89th Annual Baccalaureate-Commencement of North Carolina A&T State University will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 11 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum. All students, faculty, administrators and friends are cordially invited to attend. Congratulations to the graduating seniors of A&T State University and much success in future endeavors.

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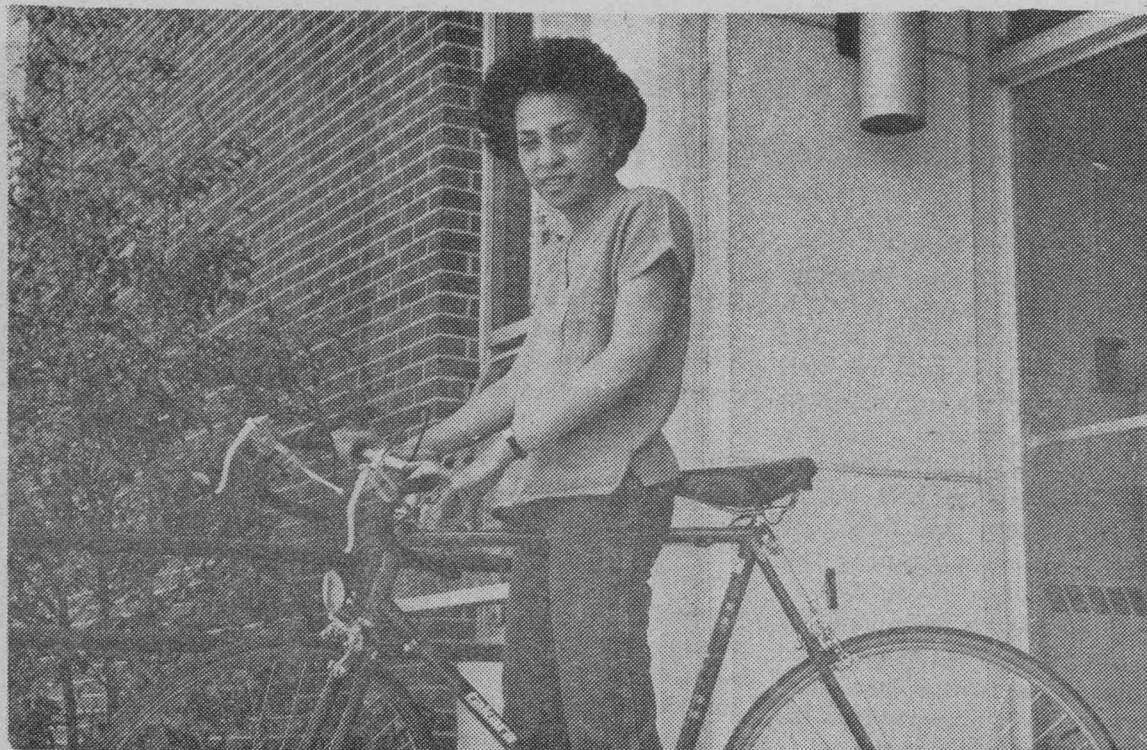


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Lenora Cobb wins the DNA (Transportation Fraternity) raffle. Her prize--a brand new ten-speed bicycle.

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LTC John Jones To Retire

By Thomas E. Harris

"My five years at A&T have been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. To influence young people, help them develop, and to see them go into the world and do well - make you proud."

These words were spoken by Lieutenant Colonel John D. Jones who will retire from the United States Army after over twenty years of service. LTC Jones has served as an instructor and professor of Military Science during his five years here at A&T.

LTC Jones has been awarded several medals and

awards during his career. Some of his service

decorations include the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with

nineteen oakleaf clusters, meritorious service medal,

army commendation medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve medal.

Commenting on the evaluation of the officers commissioned from A&T, LTC Jones said, "the product we put out is very good. They



LTC John Jones

(A&T commissionees) are able to compete with students from any other school, including West Point."

LTC Jones, a Virginia State University graduate, has an undergraduate degree in bacteriology. He plans to work in the industrial field after his retirement effective May 31. LTC Charles Jackson is the incoming

professor of Military Science replacing LTC Jones.

A plaque was presented to Col. Jones during the annual

Army ROTC awards day ceremony by the cadet battalion.

Have A Nice Summer....

School Awards Degree, First At Commencement

By Thomas E. Harris

The School of Agriculture will present the first Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture on May 4 at the annual commencement exercises.

The establishment of the Landscape Architecture program was authorized by the board of governors of the University of North Carolina school system. The letter of authorization was September 10, 1976.

A&T is the only university in North Carolina with a bachelor level program in Landscape Architecture (L.A.). Furthermore, A&T is the only predominantly Black institution in the United States

to offer an undergraduate degree in L.A. Morgan State has a master's program for L.A.

Dr. Charles Fountain is chairman of the L.A. Department. He sees the career opportunities in L.A. as

good "in spite of low employment opportunities." Dr. Fountain further indicated

that opportunities in L.A. for Blacks "are fairly open because there are so few."

According to Fountain, governmental agencies are one of the largest employers of landscape architects. Some of these agencies include the Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, National Forest

Service and the Bureau of Land Reclamation. State agencies that employ landscape architects include

the State Highway Department and Department of Recreation and Park Service.

A special project of the L.A. Department is the A&T Educational research facility (A&T Park). The 'park' is being developed as an experimental recreational site. It has the dual function of serving as a research laboratory for L.A. program as well related uses in the School of Agriculture and other related university affairs. Dr. Fountain stated that the 'park' will remain a research facility, in a manner similar to the A&T farm.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

By Raymond Moody

Since the 1979-80 sports season has ended, it seems fitting to review the sub-par Aggie performance this year.

First there was football. Coach Jim McKinley entered his third year in hopes of winning his first MEAC football championship, an accomplishment he promised three years ago.

On paper the Aggies appeared ready to bring home the championship they shared with S.C. State back in 1975. But games aren't won on paper; and because of injuries, A&T's performance was below average, which is indicated by its 4-6-1 record.

McKinley's excuse for A&T's downfall was injuries and, to a certain extent, that was true. But A&T's one-point loss to Norfolk State seemed to take something away from A&T.

Next year, A&T has to win, if McKinley is to remain coach. In viewing McKinley's overall record, one sees McKinley winning 18 games, while losing 15 and tying one.

It hasn't been an easy three years for McKinley. When he came to A&T in 1977, McKinley was to be the man who was going to take A&T's program to the top. But instead, A&T's football program has gone downhill to some degree.

McKinley's first recruiting class will be graduating next year and it's my belief that, if the Aggies don't make a respectable showing, McKinley will be leaving with them.

Basketball

When basketball coach Don Corbett arrived on the scene at N.C.A&T, he made it clear that the 79-80 Aggie basketball program would be in a rebuilding stage.

Corbett stated that he'd be content if A&T was competitive and respectable. Although his Aggies won only eight games, Corbett's team was competitive in most games, losing about six in the last minute.

Rookie mistakes cost A&T several games. That was to be expected if you noticed the young Aggie team Coach Corbett put on the floor. Corbett went basically with freshmen- Artie Gaines (G), Kenny Boddie (G), James Horace (F), Joseph Lopez (F), and Tony Glover (C). Any coach who plays five freshmen will experience many problems, especially when you play teams like Cincinnati, Maine, and UNCC.

The future look fairly good for next year. Remember the old saying, "History repeats itself." In 1976, A&T's record dropped to 3-24. But two years later, A&T had recorded two consecutive MEAC championships. Watch out MEAC foes; A&T will be on the championship trail again next year.

Wrestling

Coach Mel Pinckney also entered the year with a very young team, which finished third in the MEAC tournament. Pinckney was loaded with freshman talent. Freshmen who emerged as wrestling stars of the future were Marvin Grier, Alan Cooper, Dave Williams, Frank Carpenter, and Robbie Melvin, who was the only Aggie to take first place honors in the MEAC.

These talented freshmen, combined with sophomore stars Greg Green, John Worth, Keith Fawcett, and Wallace Carmichael, will make A&T's wrestling team something to be reckoned with in the years to come, if they continue to work hard.

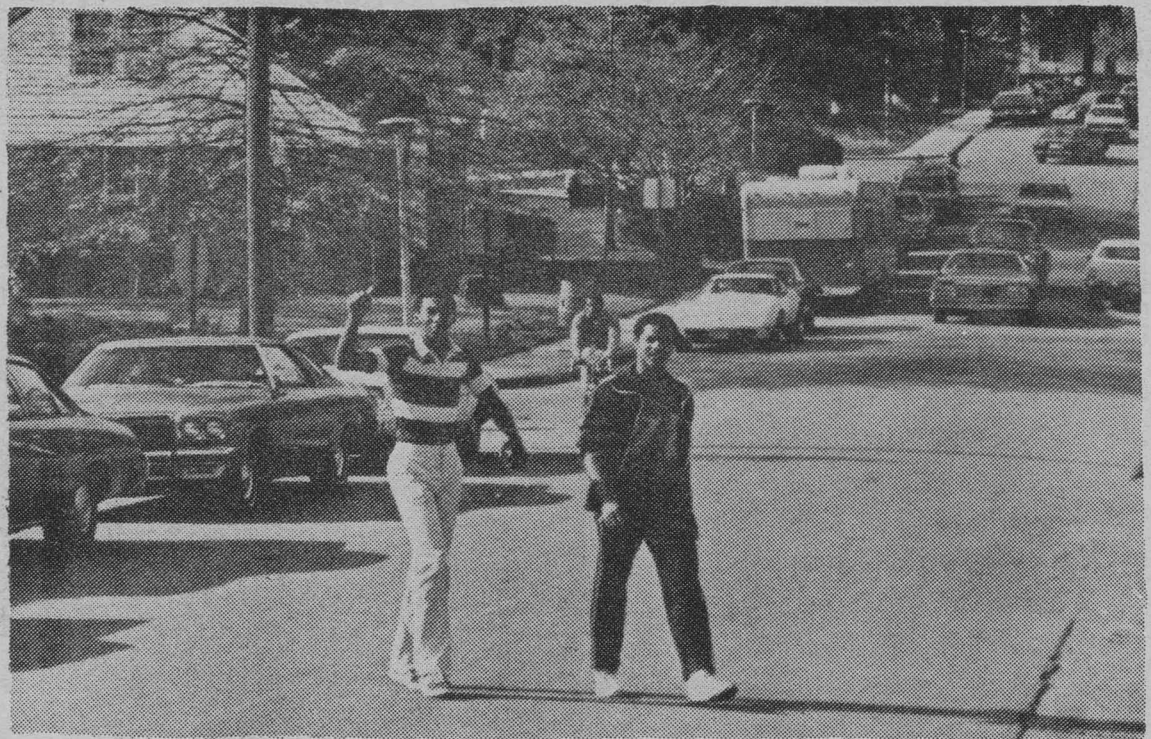
Women's Basketball

Coach Joyce Spruill continues to upgrade A&T's women's basketball tournament. Although they suffered a first-round loss to Campbell College in the division II state tournament, the Aggiettes proved they're capable of playing against top-notch competition.

Departing this year will be Mamie Jones, Lillie Pratt, Charlene Henderson, Renee Alford and Barbara McPhail, the latter has plans on transferring.

Spruill has indicated that next year's team will be one of her best if she can add a big center. Returning, Spruill has Gloria Johnson, Wanda Austin, Shirley Hall, and Marsha Simmons. These four should have starting positions locked up when the season opens next year.

Slowly, A&T women's basketball is rising to the top. If Coach Spruill recruits a tall center who can play, Division I will be their next stop.



Frank and Tony just "bein' cool."

(Photo by Tyson)

Bailey Serves Unselfishly

By Richard B. Steele

Over the year the students of North Carolina A&T State University have witnessed the unselfish performance of Ms. Dorothy Bailey, director of student activities and also advisor for the Ayantee, yearbook staff. The yearbook publication for 1980 has recently come under fire and criticism from administrators and students alike. Ms. Bailey responds to this with a statement: "Dear God, Let it be; let it be." "It was recognized that one of the most effective ways to promote creativeness was to shift the emphasis on proof. To be successful, we attempted to bring student action into line with the goals of the yearbook operation for 1979-80 school year," said Bailey.

There were discrepancies concerning the purpose of the advisor of the Ayantee staff.

"As advisor, my purpose was not to impose control, but to help the yearbook staff form control. The editors were official leaders who administered the control. We shared mutual sentiments that all staff members would be encouraged to offer suggestions when they had an idea they wanted tested. It was a strong belief that the status of those who were denied the privilege would be jeopardized; interstaff jealousy and diminution of creative endeavor would develop," she said.

"Through discussions and meetings we sought to develop self discipline within the framework of the staff group by bringing them into the decisions regarding purposes, implementation, and execution. When this development was put into action, letters were sent to faculty and staff requesting

their input and support, only few responded."

Each department and organization received letters containing information in regard to appointments for photographers and various other information pertinent to the deadlines the staff had to meet in order to produce a quality product on time.

"However, we would like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere thanks to the many members of the Aggie Family and friends who have not only enjoyed the 1980 Edition of the Ayantee, but also have

found it necessary to come personally with their congratulatory and even critical remarks about it. I thank God that the congratulatory remarks far outweigh the criticism," concluded Bailey.

Successful Year Ends

By Trudy Johnson

The residents of Barbee Hall sponsored a dance Wednesday night 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Cosmos I, 709 E. Market Street.

Each Barbee Hall resident got an invitation and a reservation to invite two other guests. Attire was semi-formal excluding jeans.

Admission was free for the occasion, but refreshments were served at an extra cost.

In addition to the dormitory's homecoming activities, the Hall sponsored a Valentine's Day ball (at the Cosmos I) and a guest lecturer

to speak on the subject of stress. Ms. Thelma Vines

spoke Monday at 7 p.m. in the dormitory in the east lobby.

Officers for the 1979-80 school term are the following:

Hazel Burgess, president; Audrey McWilliams, vice-

president; Myra Little, secretary; Freda Edsmond assistant secretary; Cassandra

James, treasurer; and Dorothy Webb, Miss Barbee Hall.

Officers for the upcoming school term are selected during the first month of the fall semester, or before homecoming activities.

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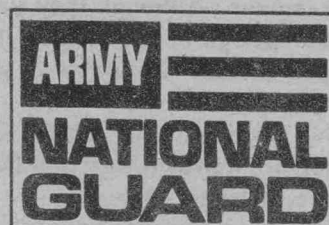


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